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TAGS: PORG, ILO, WZ

SUBJECT: SWAZILAND'S REACTION TO US WITHDRAWAL FROM ILO

1. IN MY MEETINGS WITH PERMANENT SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS NOVEMBER 3 AND WITH UNDER SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS NOVEMBER 4, THEY EXPRESSED INTEREST IN US DECISION TO WITHDRAW FROM INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION. BOTH ASKED FOR RATIONALE, ALTHOUGH EMBASSY HAD SPELLED OUT USG CONCERNS IN SOME DETAIL AS RECENTLY AS MAY 1977 IN ADVANCE OF ILO GENERAL CONFERENCE. ON BEING REMINDED OF AMERICAN POSITION, BOTH PERMSEC AND UNDERSEC SAID THEY UNDERSTOOD AND APPRECIATED US DECISION. (EMBASSY HAS PROVIDED THESE OFFICIALS AND LABOR COMMISSIONER WITH COPIES OF RELEVANT STATEMENTS BY PRESIDENT CARTER AND SECRETARY OF LABOR.)

2. UNDERSEC PURSUED MATTER FURTHER BY EXPRESSING APPREHENSION ABOUT EFFECT THAT US WITHDRAWAL COULD HAVE ON POLITICAL ORIENTATION OF ILO (REFLECTING GO'S FEAR OF COMMUNISM), ON CONTINUATION OF ITS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS, AND ON SWAZILAND'S ASSESSMENT RATE. ON FIRST POINT, I SUGGESTED THAT THOSE COUNTRIES, LIKE SWAZILAND, WHICH APPEARED TO SHARE US  
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POSITION WITH RESPECT TO UNDESIRABLE TRENDS IN ILO MIGHT GIVE THOUGHT TO MOUNTING AN ACTION PROGRAM THROUGH THIRD WORLD GROUPINGS, INCLUDING OAU, ECA, AND NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT. AS FOR CONTINUATION OF ILO TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS, I SAID SWAZILAND GOVERNMENT MIGHT WISH MAKE ITS VIEWS KNOWN TO LOCAL UNDP RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE BECAUSE USG, HAVING WITHDRAWN FROM ILO,

WOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN ILO DECISIONS ON THIS SUBJECT.  
ON ASSESSMENT QUESTION, I NOTED THIS WOULD BE DEALT  
WITH IN ILO COMMITTEE ON CONTRIBUTIONS IN WHICH, AGAIN,  
US WOULD NO LONGER HAVE ROLE.  
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